

REMARKS

Claims 2-13 and 24-25 are pending in this application. Claims 2-6 and 12 have been amended. Claims 1 and 14-23 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter. Claims 24 and 25 are new. No new matter has been added. Allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the title of the invention has been objected to as not being descriptive. A new title is required. Applicants have amended the title to recite "Apparatus for Safe Installation and Removal of a Circuit Board for Hot Swap Applications." Applicants respectfully submit that the amended title is descriptive of the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the objection with respect to the title has been overcome.

Applicants thank Examiner Phan for indicating that claim 6 contains allowable subject matter.

Applicants now present claims including allowable subject matter in independent form. For example, claim 6 containing allowable subject matter is now presented in independent form. In addition, independent claim 12 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of previously dependent claim 6. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 6 and 12 (as presented) are in condition for allowance over the applied art because these claims contain allowable subject matter and for additional features recited therein.

Applicants request that this amendment be entered since the Application is placed in condition for allowance and is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the present application.

Claims 2-5 and 7-11 depend from independent claim 6 and claims 13 and 24-25 depends from independent claim 12. Therefore, claims 2-5, 7-11, 13 and 24-25 are allowable for the reasons stated above, and for the additional features recited therein.

CONCLUSION

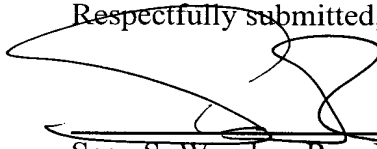
In view of the above remarks, Applicants believe that the rejection against this application has been fully addressed and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection and a notice of allowance for the application are respectfully requested.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

If the Examiner believes that a personal or telephonic interview would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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